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### **NATIONAL**

- The US has approved the sale of \$90 million worth of military hardware and services to India in support of its fleet of C-130J Super Hercules military transport aircraft.
- Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia on Friday said, "Captain Amarinder Singh met BJP leaders yesterday and is now defending BJP. The Punjab CM is behaving like a BJP CM."
- Punjab CM Captain Amarinder Singh criticised his Delhi and Haryana counterparts Arvind Kejriwal and Manohar Lal Khattar over the ongoing farmers' protest.
- The third phase of District Development Council (DDC) polls in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday witnessed a 50.53% voter turnout, State Election Commissioner KK Sharma said.
- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed all municipal corporations and local bodies in Delhi-NCR and all other cities where air quality levels are normally non-compliant to ensure sprinkling of water before sweeping of roads.
- A 43-year-old inmate, who has been convicted in four murder cases, was rescued by the jail warden of Bhondsi jail near Gurugram after he allegedly tried to kill himself by hanging inside his prison cell. "
- The results for 149 of 150 seats of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) have been declared, with TRS winning 55 seats, BJP recording a victory in 48 seats and AIMIM in 44 seats. Congress managed to win two seats in the polls.
- Harshit Bansal, a 25-year-old jeweller based in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut, has achieved the Guinness World Record for 'the most diamonds set in a ring'.
- Ambassadors and High Commissioners of around 80 countries will come to Hyderabad on December 9 to visit Bharat Biotech and BE Limited, which are working on the COVID-19 vaccine.
- CISF in collaboration with GHIAL on Thursday launched an initiative 'Swarnim Sewa' at Hyderabad International Airport to provide a hassle-free travelling experience to passengers in need.
- Customs Department seized 706 grams gold worth ₹35.5 lakh from two passengers at Chennai International Airport who arrived from Dubai on Thursday.
- While the air quality in most parts of Kolkata deteriorated to 'very poor', it turned 'severe' in the northern parts of the city on Friday, according to the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB).
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- Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has said the passing away of MDH's owner Mahashay Dharampal Gulati is a sad day for the country.
- Actor-singer Diljit Dosanjh gained over 4 lakh Twitter followers in a day following his Twitter feud with Kangana Ranaut.
- HDFC Bank CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan has apologised to customers for outages and assured that the lender was working on a "war footing" to strengthen its digital capabilities.
- Equity benchmark Sensex hit 45,000 for the first time during intraday trading on Friday after the Reserve Bank of India upgraded India's GDP forecast for 2020-21.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

- The US House of Representatives has passed a legislation to establish an exchange initiative with India to study the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.
- Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, who also founded aerospace company Blue Origin, has shared a video of testing of BE-7 rocket engine.
- WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Friday said that positive results from COVID-19 vaccine trials mean the world "can begin to dream about the end of the pandemic".
- China has become the second country in history to put its flag on the moon, more than 50 years after the US first planted its flag.
- India is "carefully monitoring all developments" on the Brahmaputra river after reports said China was looking to build a hydropower project on it, MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.
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- German divers have found an Enigma encryption machine which was used by the Nazis to send coded messages during World War II.
- US President Donald Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani farted during a voter fraud hearing in Michigan, a video of which has gone viral on social media.
- Iceland has announced that starting December 10, travellers who have already recovered from COVID-19 will be exempted from the current border measures of quarantine and testing to contain the virus.
- Mexico's President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has said that US President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence helped the country get COVID-19 vaccine.
- A group of UK MPs said £50 billion (nearly ₹5 lakh crore) in cash was missing as it asked the Bank of England (BoE) to investigate where it's "stashed".

